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SUBJ: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: COSPONSORSHIP FOR CORE GROUP RESOLUTION

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1. SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT WHILE COLOMBIA WOULD VOTE FOR CORE GROUP RESOLUTION, IT WOULD NOT CO-SPONSOR. END SUMMARY.

2. POL COUNSELOR CALLED ON ACTING UNDERSECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES ALVANO BONILLA MORNING AUGUST 19, CONVEYED CONTENTS REFTEL AS WELL AS BACKGROUND PORTIONS OF USUN 3322, AND LEFT WITH HIM COPIES OF EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM AND DRAFT RESOLUTION.

3. BONILLA SAID FONOFF HAD RECEIVED NO MESSAGES ON SUBJECT FROM COLOMBIAN UN MISSION, WHICH HE EXPLAINED AS PROBABLY DUE TO MISSION'S TOTAL INVOLVEMENT IN LOS CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, BASED ON OUR INFORMATION, HE SAID HE WOULD PREPARE AN INSTRUCTION CABLE TO COLOMBIAN UN MISSION TO CO-SPONSOR SUBJECT RESOLUTION BY AUGUST 20 DEADLINE, FOR FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO'S APPROVAL. BONILLA SAID
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HE WOULD KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED.

4. IN TELECON WITH POL COUNSELOR MORNING OF AUGUST 20, BONILLA

SAID THAT LIEVANO HAD DECIDED THAT WHILE COLOMBIA WOULD SUPPORT
RESOLUTION IN UNGA, IT WOULD NOT CO-SPONSOR. BONILLA DESCRIBED

LIEVANO'S DECISION AS BASED ON CONSIDERATIONS THAT COLOMBIA HAD
NEITHER INTERESTS NOR INFLUENCE IN EAST ASIA.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY RECALL THAT LIEVANO MADE SIMILAR DECISION FOR
SIMILAR REASONS PRIOR TO LAST YEAR'S UNGA (75 BOGOTA 6722). HOW-
EVER, FOLLOWING FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS BY US AND KOREAN EMBAS-
SIES, LIEVANO EVENTUALLY REVERSED HIMSELF AND AGREED TO CO-SPON-
SOR. EMBASSY IS COORDINATING WITH KOREANS AND WILL CONTINUE TO
RAISE MATTER WITH GOC.

6. IN ADDITION, WE URGE THAT USUN PURSUE MATTER WITH COLOMBIAN
UN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, GERMAN ZEA, WHO HAS MUCH INFLUENCE
IN GOC IN HIS OWN RIGHT AND WHO IS CLOSE TO LIEVANO.
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